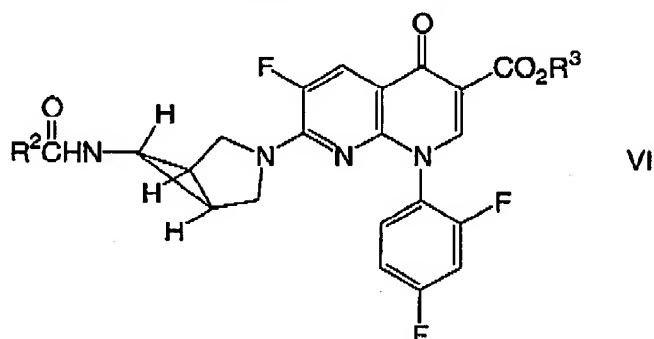


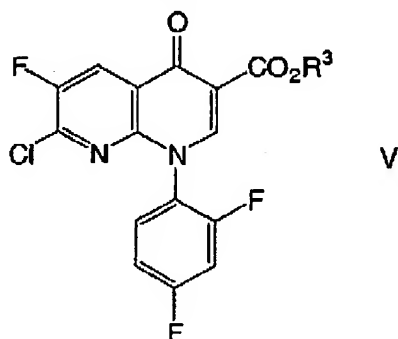
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 8 (previously presented). A process for the preparation of a compound of the formula

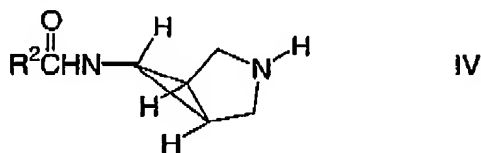


wherein R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or phenyl which may be substituted by one or more of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halo, nitro, amino or trifluoromethyl, and R<sup>3</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl,

which comprises reacting a compound of the formula

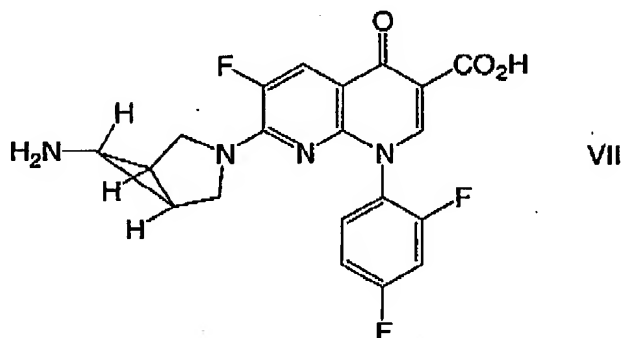


with a compound of the formula

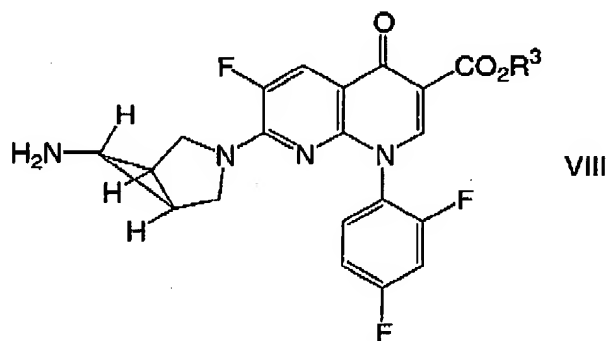


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Claim 9 (previously presented). A process comprising hydrolysis of the compound of formula VI with methanesulfonic acid, water and an organic solvent to form a monomethanesulfonic acid salt of a compound of the formula

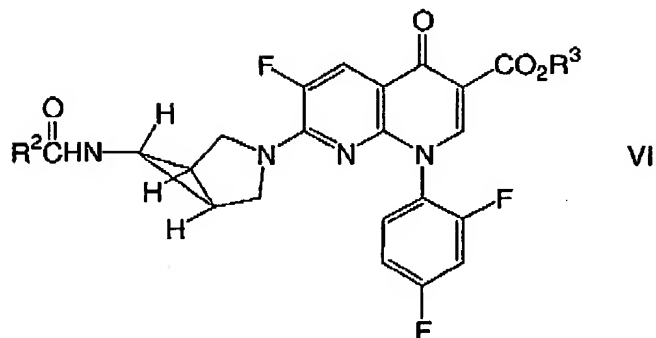


Claim 10 (previously presented). A process comprising hydrolysis of the compound of formula VI with methanesulfonic acid and  $R^3OH$  wherein  $R^3$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl to form a monomethanesulfonic acid salt of a compound of the formula



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Claim 11 (original). A compound of the formula



wherein

R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or phenyl which may be substituted by one or more of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halo, nitro, amino or trifluoromethyl, and R<sup>3</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl.